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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

1:00 P.M.

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CHAIR REMARKS**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- E. 1:05 P.M. – DISCUSSION – RE: Legislative Policy Division submitting report relative to Analyzing Detroit’s Property Tax Millage Rate as it Compares to Other Large Michigan Municipalities and its ill-effects as it relates to population decline, property values, homeownership, tax foreclosures and blight. (Council President Pro-Tem Mary Sheffield has observed that Detroit’s millage rate is a hindrance to growth, home**

ownership, population retention and wealth generation for most Detroiters. Detroit's property tax millage rate is also more than twice the State average and puts Detroit at a competitive disadvantage for retaining and attracting residents and competing for new businesses. As a result, Council President Pro-Tem Mary Sheffield has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to prepare an analysis of Detroit's millage rate that compares to other large municipalities and opines of the effects of having an exorbitant millage rate in the City. The analysis should include, but not be limited to, analyzing the effects on Detroit's population, property values, home-ownership (especially for low-income residents), tax foreclosure and blight. This report's focus is primarily on Detroit's residential property tax millage rate.)(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 3-3-21)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Status of **Office of Contracting and Procurement Contracts Contract No. 6003437** - 100% City Funding – To Provide Monthly Advertisement of OCP Bid Opportunities to Support the Detroit Supply Schedule Outreach. – Contractor: Blac, Inc. – Location: 6200 2nd Avenue D101, Detroit, MI 48202 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through January 31, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$28,500.00. **OCFO (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 5-5-21)**
2. Status of **Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield** submitting resolution Supporting Community Reparations for Black Detroit. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 5-5-21)**
3. Status of **The Chief Financial Officer** submitting report relative to the Monthly Financial Report for the Eight Months ended February 28, 2021. **(The OCFO is pleased to brief the City Council on the City's finances and respectfully requests to do so at one of the upcoming regularly scheduled Budget, Finance and Audit (BFA) Standing Committee meetings. The OCFO will also meet with the Legislative Policy Division prior to the BFA Committee meeting to further invite discussion on the report.) (BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-28-21)**
4. Status of **Council President Brenda Jones** submitting memorandum relative to Detroit Business Opportunity Program Report Follow-Up. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-28-21)**
5. Status of **Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López** submitting memorandum relative to FY 21/22 Detroit Health Department Budget. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21)**
6. Status of **Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López** submitting memorandum relative to FY21/22 Board of Zoning Appeals Budget. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21)**

7. Status of **Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López** submitting memorandum relative to FY21/22 Municipal Parking Department Budget (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21**)
8. Status of **Council Member James E. Tate** submitting memorandum relative to 2021-2022 Budget Analysis – Board of Police Commissioners. (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21**)
9. Status of **Council Member Scott Benson** submitting memorandum relative to The Human Resources Department Budget Questions. (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21**)
10. Status of **Council President Brenda Jones** submitting memorandum relative to Commencement of Working Group for Federal Stimulus Funds. (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 4-14-21**)
11. Status of **Legislative Policy Division** submitting report relative to 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the City of Detroit. (**The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) in this memorandum provides the City Council a report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020 (2020 CAFR). A copy of the 2020 CAFR has been presented to members of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee for review.**) (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-17-21**)
12. Status of **Legislative Policy Division** submitting report relative to Benchmark Comparison of the City of Detroit's 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) With Other Cities. (**The Legislative Policy Division (LPD) compared the City's fiscal year 2020 Government Wide Statement on Net Position (i.e., balance sheet) and Statement of Activities for Governmental Activities (i.e., income statement) with other cities including: Lansing, Michigan; Memphis, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Flint, Michigan; Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Oregon; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Kansas City, Missouri. Most of the cities chosen were comparable in size to Detroit. Grand Rapids was chosen because it is Michigan's second largest city and in good financial condition. Lansing and Flint were chosen because they have similar challenges as Detroit. We also chose a mix of cities that were either in good or poor fiscal health for comparative purposes.**) (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-17-21**)
13. Status of **Council Member Janee Ayers** submitting memorandum relative to Request for Opinion on the City's Ability to Create a Bonding System for Contractors. (**BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 11-18-20**)

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Submitting the following **Office of Contracting and Procurement Contracts:**

14. Submitting reso. autho. **Contract No. 6003546** - 100% City Funding – To Provide Insurance Brokerage Services for the City of Detroit. – Contractor: Alliant Insurance

Services Inc. – Location: 1050 Wilshire Drive Suite #210, Troy, MI 48084 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through June 30, 2024 – Total Contract Amount: \$369,000.00. **OCFO (REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 5-12-21)**

LAW DEPARTMENT

15. Submitting Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 17, *Finance*, Article III, *Funds*, of the 2019 Detroit City Code, by adding Section 17-3-7, *Revenue Reporting for Large Special Events*, to mandate the reporting of any revenue received for the use of the facilities, personnel, services, or resources of the City's public safety departments in conjunction with or support of large special events. **(LARGE EVENT REPORTING AMENDMENT) (FOR INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AND THE SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?) (REFERRED TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE ON 5-12-21)**